



SITUATION REPORT TO ALBERTA JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION

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PURPOSE: For the information of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Public Security Division. This Situation Report contains information that is presently available to provide the immediate status of the occurrence. Further information shall be provided in a supplemental Situation Report prepared if required.

ISSUE:

- A summary of the updated information presented at the RCMP DEOC Gold/Silver/Bronze Commander's meeting at 1815 hours on 2022-02-02.
- The status of the trucker convoy protest/ road blockade on Highway 4 near Coutts, Alberta continuing from January 29, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

- Information from RCMP, CBSA and United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) report a convoy and blockade at the Port of Coutts on Sunday, January 30, continuing from January 29, 2022.
- The Port of Coutts operates 24 hours, and is the largest POE in Alberta. Hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles travel through this major thoroughfare on any given day.
- There are border crossings located at Coutts, Del Bonita, and Carway, Alberta. Coutts is the only 24-hour crossing.
- The Coutts POE is positioned on Highway 4 on the Canadian side, and I-15 on the USA side. Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.

CURRENT STATUS as of 1400 hrs on 2022-02-05:

- Currently at the main site in Coutts one lane of highway four is open in each direction with restricted traffic movement. Currently the delay to cross the border is approximately 3 hours.
- At the main site in Coutts currently 28 semi-trucks are lining the northbound side of the highway 4 and 24 are lining the southbound lanes, for a total of 52 commercial vehicles.
- At check point 10, which is set up 18km north of the main site on highway 4 the amount of protesters have doubled since this morning, totaling approximately 200 people. At last count there were 50 commercial vehicles, 40 tractor trailers and an unknown amount of passenger vehicles. The number of protesters at checkpoint 10 remains fluid with this group continuing to challenge RCMP.
- At checkpoint 5, just east of the main site, approximately 50 people have staged a protest.
- The protesters at both the main site continue to be active and unpredictable.
- This remains a fluid situation at all sites.



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- The need for equipment to clear the highway of vehicles still exist and will be critical for any enforcement action.
- Traffic is flowing, slowly, through the border crossing in both the north and south lanes.
- CCMG continue to maintain communication with the organizers at both the main site and checkpoint 10.
- There have been several protests/convoys today throughout the province of Alberta.
- 1100-1200 semi-trucks and passenger vehicles gathered at the Petro-Canada in Acheson, Ab and departed for Edmonton at approximately 1245 hrs.
- Approximately 1000 vehicles came from the south, Calgary, Ponoka and Olds area. They arrived in Edmonton at approximately 1400hrs.
- Approximately 1000 semi-trucks and passenger vehicles gathered at the Flying J in Nisku and departed for Edmonton at approximately 1300hrs.
- All convoys have now entered the City of Edmonton.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Media releases continue to be disseminated when required.
- Social media messaging from RCMP accounts is being used heavily in the print media.
- Social media is being monitored, comments have turned negative towards law enforcement throughout the day.

MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:

- N/A

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A

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